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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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TITLE: "METHOD FOR PIRACY PROTECTION OF AN APPARATUS
AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
METHOD"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,367,148

AB United States Patent No. 5,305,199

AC United States Patent No. 5,132,729

AL European Application 0 825 564

AM PCT Application WO 98/04414

AN PCT Application WO 97/40480

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above was cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination proceedings for the German application corresponding to the present United States application. The German Search Report also cited German OS 198 38 913, however, that reference has already been made of

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record herein as Reference AN in the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 2, 2001.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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